

# COVID-19: North Carolina Litigation Update | August 24, 2020

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## Chief Justice Beasley Extends Emergency Directives 2-6, 8, 18 and 22

On August 24, 2020, Chief Justice Beasley extended Emergency Directives 2-6, 8, and modified and extended Emergency Directives 18 and 22 in response to the public health threat posed by the COVID-19 outbreak. The Order expires September 22, 2020.

### Emergency Directive 2

Clerks of superior court are required post a notice at the entrance to every court facility in their county directing that any person who has likely been exposed to COVID-19 should not enter the courthouse.

### Emergency Directive 3

Hearings and other court proceedings can be conducted remotely using audio or video conferencing.

### Emergency Directive 4

Courthouse access may be restricted to those who have business to conduct in the building.

### Emergency Directive 5

Most notary requirements are waived.

### Emergency Directive 6

Service required by Rule 5 may be made electronically on a party or a party's attorney.

### Emergency Directive 8

Magistrates must continue to perform marriages, although hours may be restricted and appointments may be required.

### Emergency Directive 18

Landlords must file an affidavit confirming compliance with the Federal CARES Act in any residential eviction for nonpayment.

### Emergency Directive 22

Senior resident superior court judges are required to submit plans for the resumption of jury trials no later than September 30, 2020.

The 8-24-20 extensions can be found [here](#).

For local updates and information, visit the [county's pages or contact the courthouse](#).

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